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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USE OF FRG AIR BASE AT BEJA, PORTUGAL

REF: BONN 17822 (EXDIS) DTG 311526Z OCT 75 (NOTAL)

1. FRG DEFAD (BG SCHUENEMANN) HAS REQUESTED MISSION D/DEFAD TO DETERMINE IF US HAS ANY INTEREST IN USE OF FRG BUILT AND CONTROLLED AIR FORCE STATION AT BEJA, PORTUGAL. BASE WAS CONSTRUCTED BY FRG FOR TACTICAL AND GUNNERY TRAINING, BUT IT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BASE IS NOT NOW IN USE BUT IS BEING MAINTAINED BY A 100 MAN FRG DETACHMENT. GOP ASKED FRG IF IT IS WILLING TO MAKE BASE AVAILABLE FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEES.

2. GIVEN POLITICAL SENSITIVITY AND POSSIBILITY THAT EVEN QUESTIONING TO DEVELOP OBVIOUSLY MISSING DETAILS FOR WASHINGTON INFORMATION COULD ERRONEOUSLY BE INTERPRETED AS EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INTEREST ON PART OF US, D/DEFAD DID NOT SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION BUT DID AGREE TO SEEK AN ANSWER.

3. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF FACT SHEET PROVIDED BY FRG DEFAD.

BEGIN TEXT:

GERMAN AIR FORCE STATION AT BEJA/PORTUGAL (SOUTHEAST OF LISBON):

1. RUNWAY, 4,000X60M, FULLY LIT ACCORDING TO STANAG, APPROACH LIGHTING: NORTH AND SOUTH, ALTITUDE ABOVE SEA LEVEL: 636 FEET

2. TAXIWAYS: 3,450X30M

3. HARDSTANDS: SUFFICIENT

4. TOWER, FACILITIES FOR THE FLIGHT DISPATCHING PERSONNEL, WEATHER SERVICE, FIRE BRIGADE, MEDICAL SERVICE

5. PARKING AND MAINTENANCE HANGERS AS WELL AS APRONS AS FOLLOWS:

F 104 AREA	TRANSALL AREA
1	1 WORKSHOP
2	3 MAINTENANCE HANGARS
3	2 WAREHOUSES
2	1 DISPERSAL HUTS

6. HEIGHT OF THE HANGAR DOORS: 6.1M, 7M, 13.8M

7. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR THE TECHNICAL FACILITIES: 220 AND 380 VOLT, 50CPS

8. 2 POL DEPOTS AT 2,100M3 (EQUALS 4,200 M3)

9. IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, ZONE III, ARE HANGARS WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, TOTAL AREA: ABOUT 5,200 SQ.M (ALL INSTALLATIONS ARE STILL MISSING IN THESE BUILDINGS; THEY CAN CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE NOT YET BE USED).

10. 30 ACCOMODATION BUILDINGS AND 3 OFFICERS ACCOMMODATION BUILDINGS, CAPACITY; ABOUT 850 MEN

11. 2 KITCHEN AND MESS BUILDINGS AND 1 CANTEEN BUILDING

12. ELECTICITY TRANSFER STATION, TRANSFORMER STATINS, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND DISTRIBUTION, WATER PROCUREMENT FACILITY, SEWAGE PLANT AND UTILITIES. NO RAIL CONNECTION.

13. FAMILY HOUSING AREA IN TOWN.

14. AIR GROUND FIRING RANGE AVAILABLE.

END TEXT.

4. REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS AND PERMISSION TO RELAY THESE
INFORMALLY TO FRG DEFAD. STREATOR

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